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In the brilliance of tinsel and lights, gaily decorated stores, wrappings and ribbons, people scurry in preparation for holiday celebration. Against this background, daily newspapers report of nations taking up arms against each other, starvation, unrest. The question perhaps to be asked is: "Where in the world is Christmas?"

But, when all the chores are done and presents wrapped, Christmas becomes a time of peace and serenity; a time when men reach out to each other. Of all the gifts of the season, caring for one another is the most precious. Christmas reconfirms the spirit of peace among men, giving hope with which to meet the challenges of the year ahead.

It is then that I cherish Christmas. It is my wish that this spirit, which is present all year, but given radiance at Christmas, endures and that each of you enjoys a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

T. Gordon Young
Vice President-Administration

"...We wish we were able to thank each and every one of you for your superb care of our daughter. Your dedication and devotion to your work is truly above and beyond "the call of duty."

We have been in and out of many hospitals--as patients and visitors--and your ladies and gentlemen are the finest and most delightful we have ever met.

Please accept our deepest gratitude and thanks for all you have done... We will always be most grateful and will continue to remember and thank you through the years to come."

"Just a word or two to say the nurses here at Special Surgery (all shifts) are wonderful. I have been to quite a few hospitals, but the nurses here are the most attentive and concerned, their personality alone takes the place of medicine. They are well trained and supervised. I want you to know your girls here do their thing beautifully."

"...a thorough and cheerful job of cleaning the room."

"The ladies of the Department of Recreation are also greatly appreciated."

"Special commendations to the Nursing Staff, the very capable Therapy Department, and the people who took us on the Boat Ride on June 19th."

"Have been in many hospitals--veterans' and private--yours far the best of all."

"Technicians exceptionally helpful in explanations, etc."

"I have really appreciated staying here at your hospital--treatment, food, etc. were wonderful..."

"Too often people are quick to criticize but very slow to say a good word. My compliments to the entire staff..."

"I hardly know where to begin to thank you and all, all your staff and volunteers who were so wonderful to me during my ten-day sojourn.

It is one thing to work in a hospital and another to be a patient! ...everyone went out of their way to make my life super comfortable. The electrician with the TV, the Dietitians, the Doorman helping visitors to park, my friends in the Library, Volunteers who heard I was there and dropped in to offer their help.

The Aides and Nursing Staff made my days and nights so comfortable.

All in all, I was very lucky to be a patient in The Hospital for Special Surgery.

Thank you for all your visits and many kindnesses."

"As this was my second visit to your hospital, I was surprised that everything--service, care, etc.--was even better than my first visit ten years ago...

I thank you all for excellent care."

Season's Greetings, Everyone!

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